

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Recitation of pending claims is provided for reference convenience.

1. Cancelled

2. (Previously Presented) A computer comprising:

means for receiving an item of personal information necessary for a member registration from a computer of a product or service provider if performing the member registration;

means for extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information for the customer, which corresponds to said item of said personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, in response to receiving said item of said personal information necessary for the member registration, and for transmitting the extracted personal information to said computer of said product or service provider;

means for receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, member identification information as a result of the member registration, and for storing said member identification information in the storage device storing the personal information for the customer in advance;

means for receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, information concerning said product or service provider and an icon of said product or service provider, and for storing said information concerning said product or service provider and the icon of the product or service provider in the storage device; and

display processing means for displaying, on a display device, an image in which icons of product or service providers, to which said customer has been registered as a member, are located in a virtual town of said customer.

3. Cancelled.
4. Cancelled.
5. Cancelled.
6. Cancelled.
7. Cancelled.
8. Cancelled.

9. (Previously Presented) A member registration program embodied on a medium, said member registration program controlling a computer according to a process comprising:

receiving, from a computer of a product or service provider, an item of personal information necessary for a member registration if performing the member registration;

extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information which corresponds to said item of said personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, in response to receiving said item of said personal information necessary for the member registration, and transmitting the extracted personal information to said computer of said product or service provider;

receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, member identification information as a result of the member registration, and storing said member identification information in said storage device storing the personal information for the customer in advance;

receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, information concerning said product or service provider and an icon of said product or service provider, and storing said information concerning said product or service provider and the icon of the product or service provider in the storage device; and

displaying, on a display device, an image in which icons of product or service providers, to which said customer has been registered as a member, are located in a virtual town of said customer.

10. Cancelled.
11. Cancelled.
12. Cancelled.
13. Cancelled.
14. Cancelled.

15. (Previously Presented) A member registration method comprising:
receiving, from a computer of a product or service provider, an item of personal information necessary for a member registration if performing the member registration;
extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information which corresponds to said item of said personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, in response to receiving said item of said personal information necessary for the member registration, and transmitting the extracted personal information to said computer of said product or service provider;
receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, member identification information as a result of the member registration, and storing the member identification information in said storage device storing the personal information for the customer in advance;
receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, information concerning said product or service provider and an icon of said product or service provider, and for storing said information concerning said product or service provider and the icon of the product or service provider in the storage device; and
displaying, on a display device, an image in which icons of product or service providers, to which said customer has been registered as a member, are located in a virtual town of said customer.

16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled.

18. Cancelled.

19. Cancelled.